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 Cut-Off Design)

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action of April 23, 2003, wherein the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1 - 6 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonoda (U.S. Patent No. 4,466,692), in view of Thillays (U.S. Patent No. 4,292,735).

The combination proposed by the Examiner, however, fails to teach the claimed invention and is not suggested by the prior art. Additionally, despite the Examiner's claim